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## Mail Stop Patent Application

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Presented for filing is a new continuation patent application of:

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Title: ADAPTABLE COIN MECHANISM

The prior application is assigned of record to Mars Incorporated, a Delaware corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on October 30, 1996 at 8201/0203.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

	<u>Pages</u>
Specification	26
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### Enclosures:

- Preliminary amendment, 7 pages.
- New disclosure information, including:
  - Information disclosure statement, 1 pages.
  - PTO-1449, 1 pages.
  - References, 2 items.
- Postcard.

This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/172,969, filed October 14, 1998, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/710,787, filed September 20, 1996. The disclosure of

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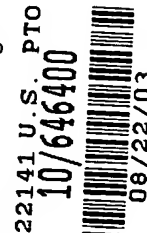
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the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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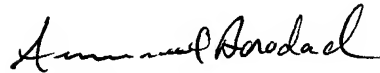
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